

Written Testimony

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To: Chair  
Human Services  
From: Kiark Ferree  
Date: 10 January 2007  
Re: Comments On Peer Support

Madam Chair:

I am Kirk Ferree and I live at 1020 5<sup>th</sup> Ave North. I am a Peer Support Specialist.

I have come a long way to be here. Not long ago I was home bound. and would not venture outside. Today I am here promoting the benefits of Peer Support. I am rising to the challenges I have set for my self. by being active in advocating for myself and others. It has been a very positive experience for me to participate in. This program has lifted me up and empowered me to become a better more rounded person. I now have a voice for me. Please fund the Peer Support Program it is worth every dollar you put toward it.

In summary if it wasn't for peer support I would still be house bound and trying to see the light instead I'm in the light and reaching for the stars.